

Dear Chairman Martin.

It seems you all need a friendly reminder that FCC's entire focus is to decide this matter using this simple test "Is or is not this merger in the best interest of the American People and the American Consumer, and lest we forget our fine neighbors to the north...

This can not be about the NAB, nor Georgetown. nor any other business entities attempting to derail this merger for reasons to eliminate what they obviously believe are real threats, not for reasons of unfair commerce, but rather for reasons of good old fashioned competition, not just from Satellite, but from all devices. competing for the ears of the people of America and beyond.

Ask yourself how it is that "FREE" terrestrial radio is threatened by a service that someone needs to pay for. And reflect... How did terrestrial radio get itself into this predicament. I can spare all of us what is a very lengthy list of what have become, obvious reasons for their dilemma.

Its simple. If you are airing content that people like listening to,you'll be a winner,no matter the platform, no matter the device.. If you don't, there really isn't much else to say. Today is the 1st day of the future for terrestrial radio. They have enormous opportunities to improve their product. I encourage them to put their energies and synergies toward improving themselves versus ripping legitimate competition. I like free radio. I like Satellite radio. . I want both. And i want the merger.

Sure, in the spirit of openness, indeed let's hear arguments from the aforementioned, lets hear everyones voice on this using all public forums, formats, and platforms. Well, it seems to me we've done this.... Adnauseum. I can't imagine much else can be said that hasn't already been said. Please make an argument that resonates with me in favor of denying this merger because to this point, nothing comes close.

Beyond this, they, the aforementioned, should hold no additional sway, and certainly not be given the additional lattitudes you've provided them to this point, but i'm willing to give the FCC the benefit of the doubt on this.

Appearances thus far suggest FCC gave a greater voice and possibly extra consideration to these groups, and less to the consumer, and this legitimately does raise concerns and speculation that point to potential conflicts of interest, and ethics questions. Questions raised by more substantive advocates for the merger than i.. I'm simply a lone voice on this.

I'm certain you understand the DOJ has gotten us past the questions of antitrust, anti-competition, and this silly notion of a monopoly, and 12 million(ish) subscribers, by conservative estimates, believe they ruled correctly on this and so i offer as friendly reminder, it is not within your scope nor purview to decide nor to be influenced with, nor to revisit these settled matters. To me, the decision is simple, although recently i was dismayed at how confused your message has become, the FCC, on this matter at hand, possibly i'm wrong in recalling your optimism a year or so ago on a ruling for this merger being decided more quickly. That this merger is hotly contested does on its face imply, competition across content delivery platforms is alive and well. And this is a good thing.

What's at risk exceeds the FCC; it potentially becomes one additional and visible example of how dysfunctional government agencies such as the one you now head have become, ie, I fear the agency has become tone deaf to the needs and wishes of the American People.

Simply you need to decide whether or not this merger is in the best interest and spirit of its user. The answer is yes.... Get it done... And lets focus on more pressing matters.

About me, i'm a family member of a subscriber and a listener to free radio. I pick and chose from both.

I am also a shareholder.

Sincerely,
Glen Silverman

A post-script... Understandably, a weighty concern is to revisit the agreement where both carriers cannot merge. We all would be well served to not box ourselves in with matters like this going forward if owing simply to what we have learned about technology in that it will find a way to break down barriers, and destroy stale mindsets on most every issue. Everything must be revisited from time to time... to include this decision. And Mr. Martin, i'm hoping you can specifically agree with me that no decision, no

matter its weight, before the FCC should require 16 months of deliberation... Maybe an exxageration, SkyScrapers are built in less time.